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CONTRACTING PARTIES: SECRETARIAT  
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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF RESOLUTION PASSED AT INITIAL  
MEETING OF PARTIES DEC 18 DESIGNATING IMCO TO ASSUME  
SECRETARIAL DUTIES UNDER 1972 OCEAN DUMPING CONVENTION:  
THE CONTRACTING PARTIES MEETING TO DECIDE ON ORGANIZA-  
TIONAL MATTERS AS REQUIRED BY ARTICLE XIV(1) OF THE  
CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY  
DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER; NOTING THAT ARTICLE  
XIV(2) OF THAT CONVENTION REQUIRES THEM TO DESIGNATE A  
COMPETENT ORGANIZATION TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SECRETARIAT  
DUTIES IN RELATION TO THE CONVENTION.  
FURTHER NOTING THE STATEMENT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF  
THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION  
TO THE EFFECT THAT THE ASSEMBLY OF THAT ORGANIZATION HAS  
AUTHORIZED HIM TO ACCEPT ON BEHALF OF THE ORGANIZATION  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECRETARIAT DUTIES PROVIDED FOR IN  
THAT CONVENTION, SHOULD THAT ORGANIZATION BE ASKED TO  
CARRY OUT THESE DUTIES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE  
XIV(2) OF THAT CONVENTION, (AND HAS MADE BUDGETARY  
PROVISIONS TO THAT END).  
RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER  
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BODIES WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, ESPECIALLY THE

UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME, AND WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND EXPERT BODIES IN THE FIELD OF MARINE POLLUTION, FOR THE EFFICIENT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION;

RECOGNISE THAT THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION IS A COMPETENT ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE MEANING OF ARTICLE XIV OF THE CONVENTION;

DESIGNATE THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SECRETARIAT DUTIES IN RELATION TO THE CONVENTION;

REQUEST THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION (AS SOON AS THE BUSINESS OF THE PRESENT MEETING OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES HAS BEEN CONCLUDED) TO ASSUME AND DISCHARGE SECRETARIAT DUTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION AND FURTHER DIRECTIONS AGREED UPON AT THE MEETINGS OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES;

AND FURTHER REQUEST THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME TO PROVIDE AS APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE REQUIRED BY THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION OR BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION."

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